

House Resolution No. 3871

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Harold "Benny" Fancher lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Ellen, during a solemn ceremony on July 17, 1954, at Asbury Methodist Church in Springfield, Illinois; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Benny and Ellen Fancher have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include one daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Jeff Sencenbaugh; and one granddaughter, Amanda; and

Whereas, Benny Fancher has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes retiring from the United States Air Force in July, 1974, following twenty years of service; working at the world famous Stark Brothers Nurseries and Orchards Company for ten years; toiling as a locksmith for the past fifteen years; and being a long-time member of the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, and Centenary Methodist Church; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Ellen Fancher has also distinguished herself as a retired twenty-five-year employee of Stark Brothers Nurseries and Orchards Company and as a member of Centenary Methodist Church, where she serves as a secretary and member of the administrative board; and

Whereas, during their half century together, Benny and Ellen Fancher have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Fancher, cherished residents of the friendly city of Louisiana, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on July 17, 2004, at the Louisiana Elks Club:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Benny and Ellen Fancher and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fancher.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3871, adopted August 18, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker